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CHINA

Large Aluminum Plant at Kuei-yang Seen Operating for First Time

Kuei-yang Aluminum Plant, one of the largest in China, was seen operating for the first time on photography of [REDACTED] This brings to nine the number of operating major aluminum plants in China. The plant at Kuei-yang contains about 243,000 square feet of potrooms, compared to about 716,000 square feet at Fu-shun, China's largest operating plant. An aluminum plant under construction at Lan-chou will have about 374,000 square feet of potrooms.

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A nearby alumina plant, one of three large alumina plants in China, appeared partially operational in [REDACTED] An associated fabrication plant first appeared active in [REDACTED]

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Construction of these facilities reportedly began in [REDACTED] and they were in the mid-stages of construction by [REDACTED] Work was delayed in the early 1960's when Soviet aid was withdrawn and again in the late 1960's during the cultural revolution.

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CORRECTION

Further analysis of the object at Severodvinsk identified in the IAS Notes of 1 October 1971 as a new probable underwater missile test platform indicates that it is a new caisson gate for the main launch basin and has no connection with missile launchings.

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